

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Customer Service Representatives \(43-4051\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Credit Authorizers, Checkers, and Clerks \(43-4041\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	15.8	15.2	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Clerical	7.3	12.2	12.2	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Economics and Accounting	4.4	10.9	3.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Law and Government	5.9	10.5	4.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Active Listening	11.0	13.6	12.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Speaking	10.8	12.2	12.3	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Writing	9.2	10.5	9.5	<	A higher skill level may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Oral Expression	12.4	13.7	13.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Oral Comprehension	12.5	13.5	13.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Written Comprehension	11.0	12.8	10.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	12.3	11.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Recognition	9.9	10.7	11.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Speech Clarity	10.2	10.4	11.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	10.3	9.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Information Ordering	9.9	10.0	8.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 84

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Fill out business or government forms	42
Maintain records, reports, or files	5
Maintain telephone logs	74
Obtain information from individuals	24
Prepare recommendations based upon research	89
Prepare reports	8
Provide customer service	14
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use knowledge of written communication in sales work	69
Use telephone communication techniques	62
Write business correspondence	58

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: n/a

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
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Tools and technology data is unavailable for one or both occupations.

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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